

**SECRET**

Approved For Release 2002/08/14 : CIA-RDP81B008Z9R001000110065-2

OXC 4812  
Copy 8 of 8

16 APR 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, OSA

SUBJECT: A-12 Modification Program for  
Aircraft #123 and #124

1. This memorandum contains recommendations for the approval of the Assistant Director, OSA. Such recommendations are contained in paragraph 4.

25X1 2. During [ ] recent visit to Headquarters, Mr. Parangosky presented an informal briefing on A-12 delivery and retrofit programs. Of special interest were Mr. Parangosky's comments on modification options being considered for aircraft #123 and #124. Specifically:

a. No "new nose" or J-58 engine modification is presently planned for aircraft #123 or #124.

(Comment: Inasmuch as these modifications would require a minimum of eight to ten weeks of time, and inasmuch as aircraft #123 and #124 should be available for training within the next few weeks, no real benefit is accrued from modifying aircraft #123 and #124).

b. Aircraft #123 and #124 would be exchanged for aircraft #131 and #132 when these latter aircraft become available approximately October or November 1963. Purpose would be to earmark aircraft #123 and #124 for modification as Q-12 drone carrying aircraft.

(Comment: Definite advantages would be accrued in receiving aircraft #131 and #132, which would be fully operationally configured as well as having had later updating modifications. However, certain disadvantages will result from the loss of dual seater trainer aircraft #124. These are:

64  
DOCUMENT NO. 64  
NO. 64  
CLASS. X  
2012  
11 Feb 62

25X1

Approved For Release 2002/08/14 : CIA-RDP81B00879R001000110065-2

**SECRET**

**SECRET**

- (1) Loss of dual checkout capability.
- (2) Loss of capability for recurrent training.
- (3) Loss of dual capability in the development and testing of air tactics.

25X1 3. [ ] initial views on this subject were in agreement with paragraphs 2. a. and b. above. However, he requested to defer final comment until such time as he could discuss this matter with [ ]  
25X1 [ ] was requested to submit [ ] position at the earliest possible date.

4. It is recommended that:

- a. Neither aircraft #123 or #124 be modified with "new nose" or J-58 engines at this time.
- b. Aircraft #123 be released for Q-12 modification consistent with an exchange for aircraft #131.
- c. Aircraft #124 be retained for use in flight checkout, currency training, and development of air tactics. Program for "new nose" and J-58 modification for aircraft #124 be considered at a later date.

[ ]  
Deputy for Field Activities, OSA

The recommendations contained in paragraph 4 are approved:

ILLEGIB  
[ ]  
JACK C. LEDFORD  
Colonel USAF  
Assistant Director  
(Special Activities)

25X1 OSA/OD/OXC [ ] (15 April 63)  
Distribution:  
#1 - D/FA/OSA #7 - OD/OXC/OSA (Chrono)  
#2 - AD/OSA #8 - RB/OSA  
#3 - D/TECH/OSA  
#4 - MD/OSA  
#5 - C/OD/OSA  
#6 - OD/OXC/OSA

**SECRET**